

## SOCIETY.

Under this head the Press endeavors to give news of all the society events in the city. If your party goes unmentioned or your status is unmentioned, consider that the Press can not know of all these things except as it is informed. Send in all the society items you know—they'll be published. Telephone 244.

## Misses Baker and Mabson Entertain.

Misses Courtney Baker and Gillian Mabson entertained a few friends at the pretty West Beauregard avenue home of Col. and Mrs. A. J. Baker Tuesday, Dec. 30. A pretty six o'clock luncheon was prepared for the young lady friends of the hostesses and at eight o'clock several of their young gentlemen friends arrived. The evening was spent in games and guessing contests, in the latter of which much skill was displayed, and in which each of the five senses were thoroughly tested.

The guests were: Misses Elizabeth Smith, Jeanette Chamberlain, Olga Susan, Sara Cunningham, Mary Aycock, Louise Ellis, Mary Powell, Fafa Mason, Sid Timmins, Ethel Timmins, Eula Childers, Queenie Culbertson, Marguerite Webb, Annie Cooper, Anna Burns, Nell Darley, Annie Alma Webb, Mary Bain Spence, Annie Cornick, Helen Ragsdale, Elizabeth Mann, Lula Cloud, Messrs. Lawson Dailey, Frank Bell, Theodore Bell, Tottie DeBerry, Clarence Webb, Clarence McKinnon, Bert Cloud, Bascom Love, Henry Ragsdale, Will McCall, Austin Cunningham, Corbin Adams.

## The Leap Year Ball.

The young ladies of the Anvil Club entertained a number of their friends at the San Angelo Club rooms Thursday night, Dec. 31, 1903. The dance was one of the leading social functions of the season. The Club rooms, the ball room and the vestibule were artistically decorated in the Club colors, pink and white, with here and there a touch of green represented by mistletoe, palms, garlands and evergreens. Huge bunches of mistletoe were suspended from the ceilings and chandeliers. Pretty palms enhanced the beauties of cozy corners and a particularly handsome one occupied the centre of the hallway. Everywhere was pink and white, the lights, the overhead decorations, the music stands—all vied with each other in representing the colors of the Anvil Club. The programs were excellent examples of the pyrographic art, having the emblem of the Club burned upon leather with the words "Second Annual, 1903" for covers. The cotillion favors were large pink and white paper chrysanthemums, they having been made by the young ladies. Other favors were violets, miniature bells, pipes, sunbonnets and flags which were used in the military dance figures.

The cotillions were particularly pretty. Some new and very intricate figures were introduced. The german has become very popular at recent dances, and some of the prettiest and most enjoyable numbers are now of this order. The first and second ones were led by Mrs. Phil Alston and Mr. Wm. Joyner, the third by Miss Jennie York and Mr. M. A. Blum, while the fourth was led by Miss Helen Lee and Mr. Joyner.

The ball was highly enjoyed by those present; so enjoyable that the guests reluctantly left only at a late hour. The young ladies had another brilliant success to their credit and were warmly congratulated thereupon.

Among the guests were: Messrs. B. and Mesdames Phil Alston, C. W. B. Collins, B. B. Hall, J. B. Murrah, G. J. Bird, J. Findlater, M. O. Davis, C. E. Hunter, Joe Raphael, W. B. Hunter, J. P. Andersen, Sam Dowty, C. W. Hobbs, A. P. Holman, J. S. Hudson, Arthur West, J. B. Taylor, M. L. Mertz, Mesdames Ira Hall, of Brownwood, W. S. Veck, J. T. Neil, Ralph Harris, Henry Hagelstein, Eva Angie, Misses Helen Lee, Blanche Marie Bell, Katie Neil, Rosie, Grace and Nell Ede, Bettie Baugh, Lurlyne Hudson, Jessie Clark, Lela March, Nannie Jefferson, Mary Bland Millsap, Leona Lapowski, Pearl Hillis, Mary Veck, Emma Bustin, Dorothy Nourse, Ethel Selkirk, Minnie Guion Francis and Neil Guion, of Ballinger, Mary Cunningham, Cora Ellis, Jessie McNabb, Ethel Heald, Louise Hine, of Houston, Ethel Reeves, Charlotte Sherwood, Eleanor Culbertson, Jimmie Clark, Julia May Riggs, Manie Mason, Lillie Dearing, Mary Pyle, Jennie Lynn York, Anna Lee, Ed DeBerry, Mai Foreman, Elizabeth May, Messrs. G. T. Gwin, Phil Lee, Ed Duggan, L. C. Fisher, Russ Hamilton, Dwight Hunter, C. Ions, Will Ede, T. S. Sharp, P. E.

West, T. C. Wynn, Lee Woodward, P. M. Christy, Geo. Green, J. C. Landon, Vernon Key, Clarence Nall, Si Hodges, J. D. McKay, Joe Lusk, Philip Cornick, Ernest Abbott, B. C. Alexander, John Lee, A. R. Burges, W. E. Foreman, S. E. Gantt, Tom Pulliam, Mellick Tweedy, Ruble Neeley, Milton Mason, Ed Stowe, Harold Westcott, Albert DeBerry, Arthur Wilson, Fred Scully, R. A. Blum, Bob Russell, R. R. Wolfe, Wm. Joyner, John Simms, C. M. Bodine, Norman Taylor.

## Miss Neal's Party.

Miss Katie V. Neal entertained a few of her friends at the pretty Neal home on West Twobig avenue Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 12 o'clock. Miss Neal's party was given in honor of Miss Neil Guion of Ballinger, who is visiting relatives in the city. The young ladies came at 5 o'clock and took dinner with Miss Neal, a feature which was most thoroughly enjoyed. The young men arrived at nine and the evening was spent at cards and at dancing. High-five prevailed as the game of the evening, but the dance was more popular. The guests were Misses Neil Guion, of Ballinger, Blanche Marie Bell, Lela March, Anna and Helen Lee, Lurlyne Hudson, Julia May Riggs and Messrs. John Simms, A. V. Green, S. E. Gantt, M. A. Blum, P. M. Christy, R. Neeley, Ed Duggan and Phil Lee.

## Card Party

One of the pleasant little happenings in the social world was Miss Eddie DeBerry's card party to a few of her friends last Monday evening. After the game, light refreshments were served.

Those who partook of Miss DeBerry's hospitality were: Misses Anna DeBerry, Mary Bland Millsap, Helen and Anna Lee, Emma Bustin and Charlotte Sherwood; Messrs. John Simms, D. L. Hunter, Russ Hamilton, Tom Pulliam and P. M. Christy.

## Back to School.

After spending the merry holidays at home with friends and relatives the San Angelo students of colleges and universities are now back to "books." Those who went Sunday are Norman Taylor and Misses Cora Ellis and Lula and Kathleen Wallace to the University at Austin, Miss Marie Cunningham, to Brownwood, Miss Ethel Selkirk, to Ft. Worth, and Mark Pulliam, to Waco. They had a good time while home and had a large crowd of friends at the train to bid them good bye when they left. Success to every one of them.

## Marriages.

Miss Har Floyd and Mr. J. D. Castleberry were united in marriage Wednesday, Dec. 23, Rev. Weems Wootton officiating.

Miss Maggie Floyd and Mr. Hiram C. Smith were married Christmas day by Rev. Weems Wootton of this city.

Miss Myrtle Dunham, of this city, and Mr. J. P. Weeks, of Brownwood, were married Saturday, Dec. 26, by Rev. Weems Wootton.

The Press extends each of the happy couples its warmest congratulations and wishes them many happy new years.

## An Enjoyable Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Murph March invited a few of their young friends to their pretty home on Beauregard avenue last Friday evening for an informal dance in honor of Mark Pulliam who spent the holidays at home. Miss Sadie Millsap assisted Mrs. March in entertaining and the evening was pleasantly spent in dancing and music.

Those present were Misses Sadie Millsap, Anna Burns, Edith, Jodie and Ethel Lee, Leonora and Estelle Lapowski, Ethel Heald, Lucile March, Kate Conerly, Cora Ellis and Messrs. Mark Pulliam, Ernest Hamilton, Van Kelly, Lee Woodward, Clarendon Ions, Norman Taylor, Albert DeBerry, Clarence Nall, Will Ede, Lee Noble and Thomas M. Pulliam.

There will be a call meeting of the Executive Board of the Civic League at the home of the president, Mrs. W. S. Cunningham, tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at four o'clock. Members of the board are urgently requested to attend.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold their regular meeting Monday afternoon, Jan. 11, at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. A. J. Baker. The annual election of officers will be held and all members are urged to attend.

Miss Helen Lasker is visiting friends in Fort Worth.

## Who Helps You?

The following rather crude lines from the Gehring, (Neb.) Courier are highly apropos of certain pernicious conditions more or less prevalent in San Angelo.

A great many people, whose names I might tell,  
But that doesn't matter, you know them quite well;  
Who swear that the government's all out of joint,  
And tell you, in order to carry their point,  
That the government ought to be run on new lines  
In order to break up the trusts and combines;  
At the same time they'll send all the cash they can hoard  
Off to Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery Ward.

They swear that the home merchant is robbing them blind,  
Because he don't advertise goods of all kind  
As cheap as the catalogue stores of the east,  
From pianos and organs to toothpicks and yeast;  
And demand that the merchant at home duplicate  
The catalogue prices (by adding the freight.)  
Of the big eastern firms who sell goods by the cord,  
Such as Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery Ward.

There are dozens of people in every town  
Who are constantly running the home merchant down,  
Forgetting that he is the man who does the most  
To build up the country of which we all boast;  
The man who digs up a good share of the tax  
And pays what the minister's salary lacks,  
And of whom you ask credit when the times become hard.  
For you have to send cash to Montgomery Ward.

Who is it you turn to in times of bad luck?  
Now, candidly, friend, is it Sears & Roebuck?  
Or when financial troubles are pushing you hard,  
Do you get any help from Montgomery Ward?  
Do you go to these firms in time of your grief  
And ask them to give you the needed relief?  
If you did you would get—a wee smile frozen hard,  
From Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery Ward.

## Miss Riggs Entertains Informally.

Miss Julia May Riggs had a few of her friends in last evening to a little informal party in honor of Miss Neil Guion, of Ballinger, who is the guest of Miss Lela March. Music was the feature of the evening embracing some very pretty renditions in both vocal and instrumental by the young ladies as well as some choice selections from the banjo of Arthur Evans accompanied by Russ Hamilton's guitar. Some games at cards were played after which elegant refreshments were served. The guests were Misses Neil Guion, Lela March, Helen and Anna Lee, Blanche Marie Bell, Katie V. Neal, and Messrs. Ruble Neeley, B. C. Alexander, G. T. Gwin, Si Hodges, Arthur Evans, Ray Frazier, and Russ Hamilton.

## A Leap Year Party.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Acton entertained a merry crowd of young folks at their home in north San Angelo last Friday night. The evening was passed most pleasantly with games and social conversation. Those who were present are: Misses Ola Dean, Blanche Brumley, Beatrice Hodges, Della Bowmer, Lottie Smith, Willie Meers, Ronda Davis, Ella Caraway, Alma Johnson, Ethel Duncan, Essie Anderson, Minnie Acton, Messrs. Charlie Steele, Ed Bowmer, Ernest Skaggs, Charlie Kemp, Ernest Brumley, Will Kemp, Elmer Hodges, Ed Osteen, Mather Johnson, Clip Davis, Mercer Moody and Silas Izard.

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## Japan and Russia at War

According to a report received by the Cotton Exchange yesterday afternoon, the San Francisco Examiner in an extra says that the actual fighting has begun. The report had the effect of causing stocks to fall.

How much truth there is in the report can not be learned at this writing, but from the warlike preparations being made in the Far East, it is not beyond belief.

## Walker-Brown.

At Cornith, Miss., Wednesday, December 24, Mr. J. A. Walker, of San Angelo, and Miss Ella Brown, were united in matrimony. The wedding was a quiet affair, occurring at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. F. Brown, and the newly wedded couple left at once for the home of the groom at Horn Lake, Miss., where they spent the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Walker arrived in San Angelo, Friday afternoon of last week, and are now stopping at the home of Mrs. Early, on West Beauregard avenue.

Mr. Walker is superintendent of the electric lighting plant of the San Angelo Water Works Co.,

and during his stay in San Angelo has shown himself to be a thorough master of his business, and a first-class gentleman as well. He has a host of friends here who join the Press in sincere congratulations and best wishes, and in extending to Mrs. Walker the warmest of welcomes to our Western city.

Mesdames Geo. Abbott and Fred Wear entertained the Twentieth Century Club at the pretty home on College Hill last Monday afternoon. A number of the ladies of the Club were present and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed.

S. H. Henderson and wife of Rudd, were in the city yesterday.

## CHURCH NOTES.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Baptist church will meet this (Thursday) afternoon, at three, at the home of Pastor W. L. Whitley. Election of officers and other important business will come before the meeting, and all members are urged to be present.

## W. C. T. U. Items.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held their regular monthly business meeting Jan. 1st at the Baptist church.

The following reports received and approved: East Ward Sunday School committee stated that the Sunday School was progressing nicely, and doing good work, with Prof. Clancy as superintendent, and Miss Calcote (of the Training School) is rendering valuable assistance as secretary. Plenty of good teachers, good music and singing.

Sunday School is out of debt, having made the last payment on the organ. Literature for the quarter all paid for and some money left in the treasury.

Sunday School had a nice tree Xmas night, and old Santa Claus distributed nuts, candy and fruit, also a present to each child.

Committee, superintendent, teachers and all had a joyous time.

Committee in charge of South Side Mission Sunday School reported S. S. progressing nicely.

A tree was provided on Xmas night, and after a nice program was rendered each child received a nice present, also apples, oranges and candy in abundance. Santa Claus was on hand and a jolly old fellow he was. The Sunday School certainly deserved a nice Xmas tree for they have done excellent work during the past year, with Shan Hull as superintendent. The committee and teachers have also been faithful.

On one of the review Sundays there were four scholars that could repeat every subject and golden text for the quarter. Little Lois Jett, aged seven, and little Morgan Jett, not yet five years old, were two of the number.

Can any Sunday School in town say as much?

There was also a Xmas tree at the Mission Sunday School Chapel north of the R. R. Each child received a present, also fruit and candy. Sunday School has a good organist, good teachers, and a good Bible class.

Rev. W. L. Whitley preaches every second Sunday at 4 p. m.

The total enrollment of the three schools at present is 211.

We return many thanks to the different churches for kindly donating the trees to be used in the missions Xmas night. We also thank all others who assisted us.

Mrs. A. J. Baker was appointed superintendent of the north mission and also to have charge of the building to prevent its being used as a public preaching house, except by the pastors of the different churches in the town, or else by a preacher bearing a recommendation from the Pastors' Association of San Angelo.

Committee on charity reported twenty-five garments distributed.

There will be a special business meeting of the Union on Friday, January 15th, at 4 o'clock, p. m., at the Baptist church. Every member is urged to be present as there is very important business to come before the Union.

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## E. H. Wilson.

E. H. Wilson, who came here from Temple in August last, for the benefit of his health, died yesterday morning at 1 o'clock at his home in the western portion of the city. Interment took place at Fairmount cemetery at 3 p. m. yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wilson was formerly from Georgia, and was a sufferer from consumption.

P. E. Truly, formerly of San Angelo but now of Ballinger, an ex-newspaper man of some experience, was here Saturday and Sunday on a business mission. He is, we learn, figuring and has about completed arrangements to start a new newspaper in Miles with Mr. Wray of San Angelo as manager at Miles. The field seems to be an inviting one to Mr. Truly.—Miles Messenger.

D. M. West, of Ozona, passed through San Angelo yesterday enroute to Coleman. Mr. West took advantage of his stay in the city to hustle business for the Texan, which paper is one of the most prosperous exchanges coming to this office.

J. B. Mott was in the city yesterday from his Red Creek ranch.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

## Births and Deaths Reported by Tom Green County Physicians.

The record of vital statistics as kept at the office of County and District Clerk Ed Duggan, shows that the physicians of the county have reported seventy-one births for the period from July 10 to December 31, 1903. Thirty-five deaths were reported from April 24 to December 6, 1903, which shows that even without accessions from the outside, Tom Green county is maintaining a very satisfactory ratio of growth. More than 100 per cent of births over deaths isn't at all a bad showing, is it?

## Cold Weather.

According to J. J. Nusbaumer, whose business it is to know just exactly how the weather is, the lowest temperature reached this winter was that of Monday morning. The thermometer registered 24 at 11 o'clock Sunday night and 12 at 6 a. m. Monday, which is 6 degrees lower than at any time last winter. Mr. Nusbaumer lost no plants by the freeze but was awfully nervous Monday morning when upon arising he found the thermometer 6 degrees lower than he was prepared for. His hot water pipes however kept things in the greenhouse warm enough but he says that if he had thought it would have been that cold he would have had a higher temperature in there which, as it was, was 44.

## Face the Music.

Did you ever see a farmer drive into town with a pair of high spirited well-bred young horses for the first time? They shy at all the strange sights and sounds and perhaps they turn a corner just as a proud brass band comes gaily marching down the street. Away they go thoroughly frightened and beyond the control of driver. There is a general smash-up because the poor horses did not have sense, experience or nerve enough to "face the music." If they had only known it was not half as bad as they supposed.

It is just so with a lot of us. The main difference is we are our own drivers. We start, not only at real things but at imaginary ones as well. We shy at shadows and run away from lesser dangers than brassy music. And the strange thing about it is we do it after we have had experience and actually know that things are not so bad as they appear.

Apparently we lack nerve. Business difficulties and all other annoyances of the thousand and one varieties that men of experience come into contact with are not half so hard to meet and compete with successfully when we brace up to them. Don't be afraid to "face the music."—National Livestock Reporter.

## Eighty or Twenty? Which?

In the report of Bradstreet's Commercial Agency of recent date it is stated that out of every hundred men in the past year who failed in business there were eighty of them who didn't advertise.

When a newspaper man puts up an argument favorable to constant advertising there are those who will say: "Some man who wants merchants to advertise wrote that." Now here's Bradstreet, the coldest-blooded of them all who brings things down to brass tacks and says that "80% of the men who fail in business are non-advertisers." There are men who advertise and who fail but a large majority of them succeed. There are men who do not advertise and who succeed, but they're scarce.

Advertising not only brings business but it keeps you busy living up to your advertisements. It keeps you on the alert after you've educated yourself to the ad-writing. There's no argument against cold facts. The question is will you be one of the eighty or one of the twenty or one of the ones who did not fail?

## Training School Notes.

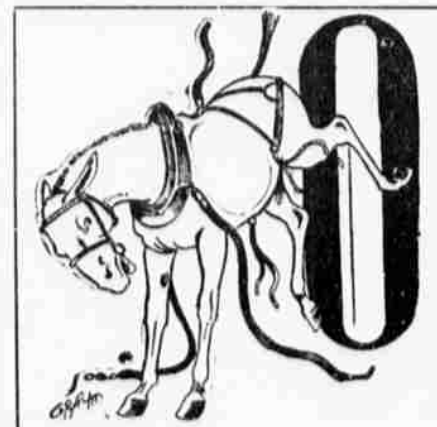
The exercises of the Training School were resumed on Monday, January 4th, with an increased attendance in all departments, and most of the pupils are getting to work with the evident intention of accomplishing that for which they have come together.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Henderson visited the school on Tuesday and brought three daughters with them to enter the school.

The entire school is increasing in interest, from the kindergarten to the business department.

One of the pupils of the shorthand school is now holding a position at the Santa Fe depot, and several others will soon be ready for work.

## Don't Kick Too Hard.



Business  
has had us snowed  
Under  
for the past few  
Weeks

with a few more preliminaries needed to finish up last year's business, and then we are ready to attend to the repairing of

your Watches, Clocks and Jewelry the same as ever.

You will find us at the same old place,  
Next Door to the Post Office.

W. E. HEALD, The Leading Jeweler.